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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO ACCOMPANY**  
**APPEAL BRIEF PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 41.37**

SIR:

Applicant encloses herewith an Appeal Brief pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.37 in the above-identified application. The Appeal Brief follows the filing of a Notice of Appeal on October 16, 2008, which set a two-month period for response at December 16, 2008.

Applicant respectfully requests a **five-month** extension of time in which to file the Appeal Brief. The five-month extended period expires on May 18, 2009 (May 16, 2009 being a Saturday). Please charge the **five-month extension fee of \$1,175.00** (small entity) to a credit card.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 11-0600**.

Respectfully submitted,

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